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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Walker Peach  
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Titled: Compositions, Methods and Kits for  
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 and 2  
Nucleic Acid Detection

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Three month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003 from January 1, 2004, up to and including April 1, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$475.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1280. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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